(c) the prospects of village electrification here on the laudable lines of our sister State of Mysore;

(d) the price at which they hope to supply the electricity to those who would be requiring it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a), (b) and (c). Details regarding the utilisation of power on Industrial and Agricultural enterprises, etc., are only under consideration.

(d) The tariff is under preparation.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—By what time the Government hope to enlighten us on the points raised herein?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—By the time that we enter into the agreement with the Madras Government regarding the Pycara scheme.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What time will it take, approximately?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I cannot say.

Penalty from defaulting ryots.

5. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 549, regarding Penalty realised from defaulting ryots, will the Government be pleased to state by how much the item has exceeded their budget estimation?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The collection has exceeded the budget estimation by Rs. 1,086-10-0.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what was the budget estimation?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Does not this show the hard times our ryots have fallen into?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is a matter of inference which every Hon'ble Member is entitled to make.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to know the inference drawn by the Government. Does not this show the hard times our ryots have fallen into?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Not necessarily.

General economic policy.

6. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the main aspects of their general economic policy?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The adoption of a definite economic policy presupposes the possession of sufficient data regarding the economic condition and needs of the State to warrant State action. So far, Government have from time to time offered occasional help to industries both cottage and

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manufacturing, but the results have not been considerable. No attempts were made in the past to control the conditions of labour as no occasion arose for such control. It is now proposed to carry out an intensive and accurate survey of the economic condition of the State and the results of this survey will form the basis of the future economic policy of the State.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the kind of occasion which the Government require, may I know?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The adoption of a definite economic policy presupposes the possession of sufficient data regarding the economic condition and needs of the State to warrant State action. We have not got here sufficient organised labour as in European Countries and it will be too premature to launch upon such a scheme until the ground is ready for it. We are more or less agriculturists and I do not think labour conditions here warrant any such things just at present.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The question is 'Will the Government be pleased to state the main aspects of their general economic policy'. Have you been following any general economic policy; and if so, what is it?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—It is stated in the answer what the Government has been doing—something to encourage rising manufacturing concerns and further than that nothing is warranted at present.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know what the Government have done for the protection of cottage industries in the State?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The Government has said, 'As no occasion arose'. May I know the nature of the occasion for the Government to move in the matter?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know by what time they hope to complete the survey?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It might take more than one year.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—From now or from its inception?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—From its inception.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have the Government given any instruction to the officer in charge of the survey as regards the time to be taken?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No definite period has been fixed.

Prices of Agricultural produces.

7. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state how the Government have been stabilising the

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